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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: CHU, DAVID Z.J.

APPLICATION No.: Not yet assigned

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FOR: **EXPANDABLE SURGICAL RETRACTOR
FOR INTERNAL BODY SPACES
APPROACHED WITH MINIMALLY
INVASIVE INCISIONS OR THROUGH
EXISTING ORIFICES**

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**Transmittal of Utility Patent Application
for Filing Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

Mail Stop Patent Application
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventor: David Z.J. Chu, and entitled:

**EXPANDABLE SURGICAL RETRACTOR FOR INTERNAL BODY
SPACES APPROACHED WITH MINIMALLY INVASIVE INCISIONS OR
THROUGH EXISTING ORIFICES**

1. Enclosed are:

- This Transmittal letter.
- One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp.
- Certificate of Express Mail.
- One utility patent application containing text pages 1-26 and
- 3 Sheets of drawings (figures 1 through 3).
- Declaration of Inventorship (unsigned).
- Assignment(s) for recordation with transmittal sheet.
- Executed Power of Attorney by Assignee.

2. U.S. Priority

- This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/438,168 filed January 6, 2003, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

- Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

3. Foreign Priority

- Priority of Application No. «SerialNo» filed in on is claimed under 35 USC §119.
 A certified copy of this priority document is enclosed.

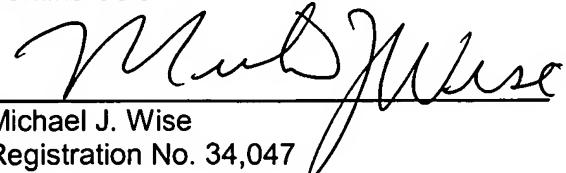
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